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Foreword

We are pleased to present to you our new catalog for 1954. The front cover is a reproduction of a portion of our sales yard which we hope may be of interest to our many out of town and out of state customers who have never visited the nursery. We will be happy to welcome any of you who might at some time be visiting in our locality.

We review the past season with a great deal of satisfaction; many new names have been added to the files of enthusiastic Crombie customers, who have been planting Crombie roses year after year. I sincerely appreciate the letters and words of high praise that we continually receive. This satisfaction is shared not only by my very capable Asst. Manager Mr. Charles (Chuck) Bradshaw but, by each member of our very loyal and competent staff.

We look forward to the coming season with optimism. Our new stock of roses is as fine as any we have ever offered. We are content to remain small enough to give personalized service to each customer; yet large enough to satisfy the most discerning.

Mr. & Mrs. Crombie, Mrs. Golie and myself wish you every success with Crombie roses.

Sincerely,

Vern P. Golie

MAIL ORDERS

Read Carefully When Ordering

Roses can be successfully sent by parcel post or express during the dormant season (*December to March*). Shipping and packing costs prohibit sending plants in containers, during the growing season.

Out of town orders of \$5.00 or more will be shipped prepaid. On orders less than \$5.00 please add 50¢ to cover cost of packing and mailing.

We do not ship our roses C.O.D.

Kindly mail remittance with order. Within California, 3% Sales Tax must be added.

Orders booked in advance will receive priority, in varieties that are scarce. If you have a second choice, please give us permission to substitute.

Upon arrival of your order, immerse plants in water for 1-hour (no longer). In the event that dry and windy weather prevails after planting, a practice of wetting down the canes several times each day will prove most beneficial to the plants.

Guarantee

Our roses are all No. 1 grade, unless otherwise designated. We guarantee them to be true to name, alive and healthy. If a rose does not start to grow within 60 days after purchase, please notify us.

Note—Our nursery is certified by the California State Agricultural Dept. as free from all pests and diseases. This allows us to ship under "Pinto tag" (inspection-free) privileges into practically every county in California. *This assures prompt delivery.*

Local Delivery

Deliveries are made by our trucks on Wednesday of each week. Orders of \$5.00 or more are delivered free of charge. Orders less than \$5.00 are subject to a delivery charge.

A Gift that Grows—A Crombie Rose

Cultural Directions

PLANTING is the most important procedure in the life of a rose-bush, and in the production of first-quality blooms. In reality, it is transplanting that you are doing. Your rose-bush has been grown for two years before you receive it, in the very best of soil and cultural conditions in the Nursery fields. It was watered and sprayed regularly and intelligently; it was ripened and dug at the proper time of the year. We have been most careful in our attention since that time, to guard against any loss of vitality. The roots have never been allowed to dry out, and the tops have been shaded against excessive wind and sun. In simple words, we treat our bare-root roses as patients recovering from a major operation. Won't you do the same?

See that the roots are never allowed to dry. Immersing them in a bucket of water for a few minutes before planting will assure ample moisture. Follow out planting guide (on the opposite page) carefully. *Never* fill the hole with water *before* planting. Planting first, then watering seals the earth around the roots without making mud, and recreates the soil firmness and texture in which the rose was originally grown. The first watering is the most important. *Make it thorough.*

WATERING: There is no "rule of thumb" for watering roses. Type of soil, time of year, size and age of bushes, temperature — all these are factors to be considered. *Important* to remember, — a rose-bush is working and producing 10 months of the year. It is a heavy feeder and must have ample moisture at all times. One good SATURATION is better than a half-dozen sprinklings.

FERTILIZATION: Great experimentation goes on in scientific feeding of plants, as well as of people. Being somewhat old-fashioned, and having grown roses for many years with (shall we modestly say?) a fair degree of success, we are loathe to change our formula. "Organic fertilizer" (Cow-manure to the dirt-gardener) applied in the late winter or early spring should be all the food necessary to produce the first crop of flowers. A good sized shovel-full per plant should be worked into the soil lightly and gradually, during the spring months. In the case of heavy soil or old rose beds, we recommend Lime or Soil Sulphur or both, applied in conjunction with the manure, at the rate of 5 lbs. per 100 sq. ft.

Immediately after the spring crop of blooms you will find that a liberal hand-full of one of the well-known balanced commercial fertilizers worked into the soil, will materially strengthen the second crop in June and July. We

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strongly recommend a late summer (August and September) application. "Roses in December" are dependent upon the treatment they receive in early fall. Let's be liberal, and they will say "Thank -You".

SPRAYING: This is a problem we all must face, if we are to grow strong, healthy bushes with attractive flowers. Don't wait until your garden is heavily infested, but spray regularly and often. The amount of spray material you use and the pressure with which it is applied are of great importance. Get a good spray tank, the size dependent upon the number of roses you have, and use it often — every week during the early season. Always wash the spray tank out thoroughly after each using, to avoid corrosion. Several brands of all purpose spray material on the market today are safe and satisfactory. *A reminder — always irrigate roses thoroughly the day before spraying.*

PRUNING: This is the most controversial phase of rose growing, and most rose authorities have decided opinions on how it should be done. Heavy, medium light, — or no pruning at all, — each of these methods has advantages which are dependent on what you desire, and on the varieties that you are growing.

The important thing is to be able to recognize *young wood* and to distinguish it from old. Keep your bush young, and you have the essence of growing good flowers. Cut away the two-year-old canes, and the light twiggy branches. Then the question of how far back to cut the remaining young canes is entirely optional with you.

Realizing the wide variance of opinion upon this subject, and the difficulty of doing it justice with the pen, *we are going to conduct public pruning demonstrations during January and February, here in our Test Garden, at the Nursery. You are invited. The dates will be announced in the local newspapers.*

If you have any questions on Rose Culture, that we have not answered in the above paragraphs, we will be happy to hear from you.

CAUTION: Loosen wire labels on rose bushes each year. Failure to do so may result in girdling and consequent loss of plant.

HOW TO PLANT A ROSE (BARE-ROOT)

DECEMBER THROUGH MARCH

KEEP PLANTS WET

HOLE

LEVEL

GROUND

CONE OF EARTH

Hole of ample width and depth to accommodate roots without twisting or bending. Bottom of hole must be loose and a rich soil mixture. Addition of a small amount

HOLE

LEVEL

GROUND

BUD UNION

of fertilizer or bone-meal (or both) thoroughly mixed in the cone-shaped bottom. Place plant in hole, spread roots, hold in position, while filling in loose rich top soil. Fill to within 2 or 3 inches of surface, press firmly with heel of shoe (this is **important**).

HOLE

LEVEL

GROUND

A Fill to within 2 of top then irrigate

C Fill hole after water soaks in

Water thoroughly, allow water to penetrate then fill to level and leave surface soil loose. Water once a week for first month.

HOLE

LEVEL

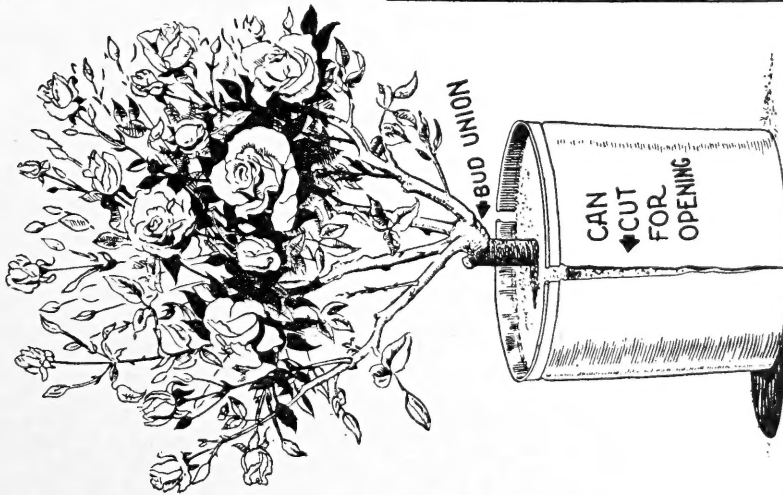
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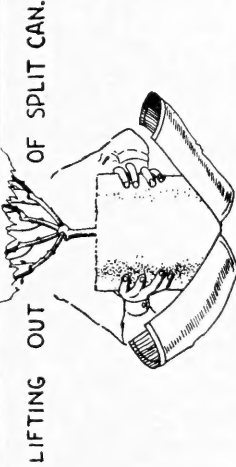
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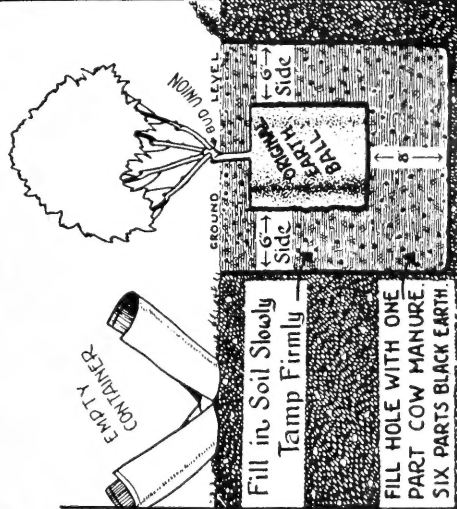
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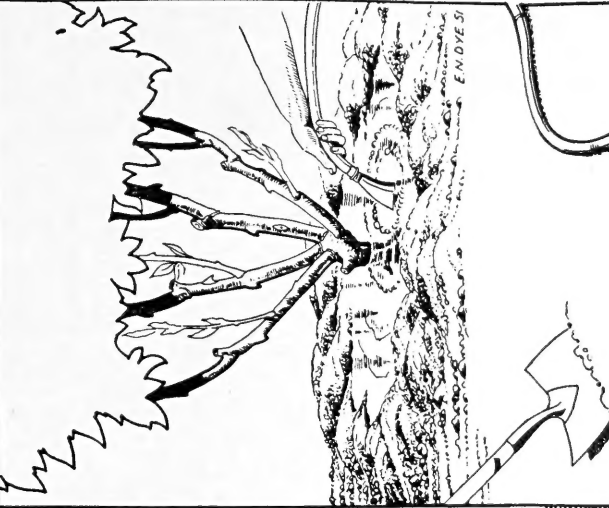
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USE CAUTION TO AVOID BREAKING EARTH BALL AROUND DELICATE ROOTS.



NO.2. TRANSPLANTING INTO EARTH.



IRRIGATE SLOWLY & DEEPLY.

NO.3. WATERING.

HOW TO TRANSPLANT A ROSEBUSH.

Special Collections

(DURING BARE-ROOT SEASON)

Collection No. 1

Chrysler Imperial

Buccaneer

Helen Trauble

\$725

(Value \$8.25)

Collection No. 2

Charles Mallerin

First Love

Golden Sceptre

White Swan

\$795

(Value \$9.00)

Collection No. 3

Charlotte Armstrong

Mark Sullivan

Mme. Henri Guillot

Peace

\$745

(Value \$8.50)

Collection No. 4

Etoile de Hollande

Mrs. P. S. Dupont

Mrs. Sam McGredy

Snowbird

\$495

(Value \$6.00)

Collection No. 5

Carrousel

Goldilocks

Lillibet

\$515

(Value \$6.00)

Collection No. 6

Clg. Blaze

Clg. Goldilocks

Clg. Pinocchio

\$565

(Value \$6.50)

Collection No. 7

Clg. Heart's Desire

Clg. Mme. Henri Guillot

Clg. Mrs. Sam McGredy

Clg. Peace

\$725

(Value \$8.25)

Bush Roses

The Best of the
NEW AND OLD VARIETIES
As We Know Them

PRICES (BARE-ROOT)

On orders of 10 or more plants (bushes and climbers combined) you may deduct 10 %. This does not apply to tree roses or special collections.

ANGELS MATEU _____ \$1.75

PATENT NO. 174

One of our favorites. A medium to low bushy plant, clothed with glossy, clean foliage and producing large, 50 petaled blooms of coral suffused with old rose. 2½-3'

AUTUMN _____ \$1.50

Autumn shades—orange, gold and carmine. Shining foliage. Will mildew if neglected. Tall and spreading. 3-4'

BRAVO _____ \$2.25

PATENT NO. 983

A large perfectly formed bloom of brilliant scarlet, with black shadings in hot weather. Moderate bushy growth. We recommend it for the valley regions. 2½-3'

BUCCANEER _____ \$2.75

PATENT NO. 1119

A tall vigorous plant, free branching, with clean leathery foliage. The long brilliant yellow buds open to perfectly formed blooms. Will not fade in the hottest weather. 4-4½'

CAPISTRANO _____ \$2.25

PATENT NO. 922 AARS '50

Deep rich shade of rose-pink. Very vigorous in growth. Holds its color well, in the hottest sunshine. Fragrant. 4-5'

CHARLES MALLERIN _____ \$2.50

PATENT NO. 993

This was one of our Blue Ribbon Award Roses at the California Spring Garden Show. Large double deep-red blooms, exceedingly fragrant. Strong, upright growth with bronzy red foliage. 3½'

CHARLOTTE ARMSTRONG \$2.25

PATENT NO. 455 AARS '41

Still "Tops" in our list of favorites. This variety combines all the good qualities desired in a near-perfect rose. Beautiful streamlined red buds opening to magnificent flowers of cerise. 3-4'

CHIEF SEATTLE _____ \$2.50

PATENT NO. 1030

We are pleased with this fine new variety. Many petaled blooms of deep buff apricot which last for days. Pleasing fragrance. The bush is tall and vigorous. 4-4½'

CHRISTOPHER STONE _____ \$1.50

Still one of the most beautiful red roses that performs well in warmer regions; but very susceptible to mildew in the bay area. Fragrant. 2-2½'

CHRYSLER IMPERIAL _____ \$2.75

PATENT NO. 1167 AARS 1953

This wonderful new rose seems to get off to a slow start in many gardens. We might compare it to the person who at first meeting seems shy and hard to get acquainted with, but later becomes a most trusted friend. Large high-centered buds of crimson red, opening to many petaled perfect blooms. Outstandingly fragrant. 3-3½'

DEBONAIR _____ \$1.75

PATENT NO. 677

An excellent yellow rose of almost perfect form. The tightly rolled bud opens slowly to a many petaled high-centered bloom of primrose yellow. Dark green foliage. Disease resistant. 3'

DETROITER _____ \$2.50

P. A. F.

We are not too well acquainted with this new J.&P. rose but it is described as: long pointed buds open to large very double, high-centered blooms of rich deep red. Upright, bushy, abundant bloom. 3½'

DIAMOND JUBILEE _____ \$2.00

PATENT NO. 824 AARS '48

Very large blooms of warm glowing buff yellow. High centered buds slowly open to many petaled blooms that seem to last for days. The plant is large and bushy, well clothed with clean leathery foliage. 4'

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DUQUESA DE

PENERANDA \$1.50

A favorite for cutting. Long orange-apricot buds open to peach bloom. Upright vigorous growth. Shining foliage. 2½'

ECLIPSE \$1.75

PATENT NO. 172

Truly a streamlined rose. Long slim golden yellow buds open to soft yellow shapely blooms. Tall upright growth, heavy clean foliage. Fragrant, long stems for cutting. 4'

ENA HARKNESS \$1.50

This fine new English rose certainly proved itself a worth while addition to the bay area gardens. Many of the members of the San Francisco Rose Society have told us that no other red rose can begin to equal the performance of the Ena Harkness. High centered crimson scarlet blooms of intense fragrance. Clean leathery foliage. 2½'

ETOILE DE HOLLANDE \$1.50

Since 1919 this has been known as the "best red rose." In bush, climber or tree form it will give you constant joy throughout the season. 3-4'

FANDANGO \$2.00

PATENT NO. 894

Deep rich scarlet in a small-to-medium bud, changing as it opens, to a bright red. Large open semi-double flower. Faintly fragrant. Glossy foliage. Disease resistant. Almost continuously in bloom. 2½'

FIESTA \$2.25

PATENT NO. 389

A gay novelty rose, which attracts instant attention in the garden. It is striped red and yellow and holds the two colors well. Rather low growing plant, but with many brilliant blooms. 2½'

FIRST LOVE \$2.25

PATENT NO. 921

Outstanding at the San Francisco Flower Show. Many of our customers have made this remark, "If I could have but one rose it would be First Love." Long tapered, high centered buds of light rose pink, shading to dawn pink. 4'

FORTY-NINER \$2.50

PATENT NO. 792 AARS '49

A vivid bicolor with Oriental red petals faced with chrome yellow. Medium sized blooms which fade in hot weather. Strong, upright plants and very few thorns. 3'

FRED EDMUNDS \$2.00

PATENT NO. 731 AARS '44

Rated by the American Rose Society amongst the country's ten best roses. Brilliant orange buds open to a sort of burnt-copper bloom, attracting surprised attention wherever it is shown. Clean and shining foliage. Not a robust growing plant but very free flowering. 2½'

FRED HOWARD \$2.50

PATENT NO. 1006 AARS 1952

This fine new rose grows so vigorously that one might easily overlook the delicate beauty of the bloom. Long rich yellow buds open slowly, disclosing an orange yellow center with soft pink pencilling. Long erect stems with clean leathery foliage. 4'

GOLDEN SCEPTRE \$2.00

PATENT NO. 910

Another of our blue ribbon winners at the California Spring Garden Show. A medium long pointed bud, opening to a large high centered semi-double bloom, holding its color until the golden yellow petals fall. Fragrant, free blooming, clean varnished foliage. 3-3½'

GRANDE DUCHESS

CHARLOTTE \$2.00

PATENT NO. 774 AARS '43

This rose is still one of our favorites and again we ask for help in describing its unusual color. It has been described as "Claret," "Geranium Red," "Burnt Carmine" and even "Tomato Red." Fine upright growth. Clean foliage. Excellent for cutting. 4'

HAPPINESS \$2.50

PATENT NO. 911

Another new rose that shows promise. A very brilliant red that holds up well even in the hottest weather. The bloom is double with from 35 to 50 petals borne on fine long stems. Excellent for cutting. 4'

HEART'S DESIRE \$1.75

PATENT NO. 501 AARS '42

A deep red, fragrant, shapely bloom, with fine, strong stems. A vase of Heart's Desire fills the entire room with perfume. Or plant this rose in climbing form outside your breakfast room and enjoy its perfect blooms and sweet fragrance as the morning sun touches it. We believe that it has really lived up to its lovely name. 3'

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HELEN TRAUBEL \$2.75

PATENT NO. 1028 AARS 1952

Highly deserving of the AARS award for 1952. A soft lovely pink with apricot shading. A compact vigorous bush with clean hardy foliage, blooming freely throughout the season. 4'

HENRY FORD \$2.50

P. A. F.

A cross between the Doctor and Pink Dawn. The buds are long, spiral in form and open to huge blooms of clear peach-pink. Intensely fragrant. 3'

HINRICH GAEDE \$1.50

Nasturtium-red bud opens to very double orange yellow multicolored bloom. Vigorous growth. Glossy foliage. 3'

HUNTSMAN \$2.00

PATENT NO. 1012

A distinctive new bi-color with reverse petals of orange-yellow outside, spectrum-red inside. Free bloomer. Compact low-growing plant with holly-green foliage. 2'

J. OTTO THILOW \$1.50

A truly pink rose, with no other shading. It really has everything. Long slim buds, unfading open bloom. Vigorous. Disease resistant. 3½'

JUNO \$2.25

PATENT APPLIED FOR

A new Armstrong rose for 1950. Very large ovoid bud, opening to full high centered bloom of bright, clear pink. Leathery foliage. Disease resistant. Continuous bloomer. 2½'

KATHERINE T.

MARSHALL \$1.75

PATENT NO. 607 AARS '44

Coral-pink buds, suffused with yellow at the base, open slowly to glowing pink blooms. Erect growing, hardy plants produce an abundance of bloom. Best in the autumn months. Fragrant. 4'

LOWELL THOMAS \$2.00

PATENT NO. 595 AARS '44

Long, pointed yellow bud opens to a huge bloom of chrome yellow. Very long, strong stems, and leathery foliage. A good cut flower. 3'

LULU \$1.50

Exquisitely formed buds, long and slim, coral pink, fading to a soft apricot-pink. Any man walks with a jauntier step with a Lulu in his buttonhole.

MARK SULLIVAN \$1.75

PATENT NO. 599

A multi-colored rose that has "everything." The first rose to bloom in the spring and often the last to stop flowering at frost. Gives you a magnificent splash of color in your garden. Remarkable blending of color tones, rich gold, heavily veined and shaded with rose-pink and cerise. Glossy foliage. Sturdy and vigorous. 3½'

McGREDY'S IVORY \$1.50

Pointed bud opening to large double creamy-white bloom. Will mildew unless given special care, but well worth the extra effort. 3'

McGREDY'S YELLOW \$1.50

Bright buttercup-yellow, throughout the season. Glossy foliage. Excellent for cutting. 3'

MISSION BELLS \$2.25

PATENT NO. 923 AARS '50

All-American award for 1950. A deep glowing salmon opening to a clear pink. Moderately fragrant. Very vigorous and quite resistant to disease. Coppery green foliage. Profuse, continuous bloomer. Withstands severe winter. 3'

MME. HENRI GUILLOT \$2.00

PATENT NO. 337

The Blue Ribbon Rose of many flower shows, and a "must have" in every garden. Large urn-shaped buds open to truly Camellia-like blooms of glowing tones of reddish orange, rose and coral pink. Clean glossy foliage. Disease resistant. 3'

MOJAVE \$3.00

P. A. F. AARS '54

Radiant orange is the dominant color, highlighted by flame-like tones of scarlet and vermillion. A daughter of Charlotte Armstrong. The vigorous bush of Mojave produces amazing numbers of beautiful long tapering buds. Supply will be limited—order early. 3-4'

See illustration inside front cover.

MRS. PIERRE S. DU PONT \$1.50

This good yellow rose will probably bloom more profusely than any other rose in your garden. This is especially true in hot climates. Rich green foliage. Fragrant. 2½'

MRS. SAM McGREDY \$1.50

Since 1929 this rose has been known as "best of the type." No garden is complete without it. Scarlet-orange buds open to apricot and bronze blooms. Reddish foliage. Low spreading growth. Fragrant. 2½'

Bush Roses

- NEIGE PARFUM** _____ \$1.50
Large fragrant white bloom, tinted faintly pink. Leathery foliage. Vigorous upright growth. 2'
- NEW YORKER** _____ \$2.00
PATENT NO. 823
The most brilliant red rose in our test-garden, attracting excited comment throughout the season. Vigorous and bushy in growth, and has a delightful fruity fragrance. We like it. 3'
- NOCTURNE** _____ \$2.00
PATENT NO. 713 AARS '48
Another Charlotte Armstrong and Night combination. Large, open, semi-double blooms. Cardinal-red with crimson shadings. Very beautiful flower if well grown. Must spray for mildew, in foggy areas. 3'
- OPERA** _____ \$2.00
PATENT NO. 1017
A dashing blend of colors. Golden yellow at the base to scarlet at the tip of the slender well-formed buds. A large many petaled open flower. Clean foliage. 3'
- PEACE** _____ \$2.50
PATENT NO. 591 AARS '46
Still one of the top-rating roses of all time. Difficult to describe, as the color varies with changing weather. Golden buds streaked with red, gradually open to huge many petaled blooms of pale yellow with delicate pink shading. Large and bushy so allow plenty of space. 3-4'
- PICTURE** _____ \$1.50
Perfectly formed, medium-sized pink blooms. Tea fragrance. Upright. Well-balanced growth; excellent as a Tree Rose. 2'
- PRESIDENT HERBERT HOOVER** _____ \$1.50
Flaming scarlet and yellow buds open to soft pink and gold blooms. Long stems. Plant very large and vigorous. 5'
- ROSE OF FREEDOM** _____ \$2.00
PATENT NO. 791
A favorite with those who prefer a large very double red rose. The bloom is well formed with a very pleasing fragrance. The plant is bushy with clean leathery foliage. Very few thorns. 3'
- SAN FERNANDO** _____ \$1.75
PATENT NO. 785 AARS '48
Developed from Hearts Desire, Crimson Glory and Poinsettia, with the good points of all of them. Practically everyone who grows this rose speaks of its wonderful fragrance. The flower is large, double and high-centered. An intense scarlet. 2½'
- SATURNIA** _____ \$1.75
PATENT NO. 349
For about 15 years we have been recommending this startlingly vivid rose as an accent spot in your garden. The vermilion bud opens to a cardinal-red bloom with gold facing. Shining glossy foliage. Quite fragrant. 2½'
- SERENADE** _____ \$2.00
PATENT NO. 852
Large reddish buds open to satiny buff-pink blooms. Vigorous upright growth. An abundance of bloom. 2½'
- SHOW GIRL** _____ \$2.00
PATENT NO. 646
Huge exhibition blooms of deep pink, on long strong stems follow beautifully formed slender buds, which are often shaded carmine. The petals are of heavy texture, so that the bloom is long lasting. The big bushy plant seems to be constantly in flower. 4'
- SIGNORA** _____ \$1.75
PATENT NO. 201
A truly outstanding rose, probably the finest of its type. It is an intense combination of scarlet-orange with lighter shades of tangerine and cerise. The many-petaled flower is attractive from the bud stage until the open bloom drops its petals. Shining foliage, long strong stems, and sweet perfume make this a perfect cut flower. 4'
- SLEIGH-BELLS** _____ \$2.00
PATENT NO. 1004
One of the newer white roses that has proved worthwhile for the bay area. Large ovoid buds open to 40 or more lovely petals. Seldom out of bloom. Clean shining foliage. 2½'
- SNOWBIRD** _____ \$1.50
A small-to-medium bloom of pure white, flowering throughout the season, on a sturdy compact bush. Many petals, and beautifully formed. Easily grown in any climate. 2½'
- SONATA** _____ \$1.75
PATENT NO. 732
"A lovely rose is like a melody." Long slim buds of cochineal red open slowly to exquisite blooms of deep lively pink. Long strong stem. Bloom slightly fragrant. Almost perfect form. Very free-flowering. Vigorous bushy plant. One of our favorites. 3'
- SUTTER'S GOLD** _____ \$2.25
PATENT NO. 885 AARS '50
Yellow buds, shaped with orange, open to fine clear yellow blooms. Intensely fragrant. Has good growing habits; bushy, long stems for cutting and very few thorns. A fitting memorial of the days of gold. 3½'

Bush Roses

SUZON LOTTHE \$2.50
PATENT NO. 934

Another fine rose by Francis Meilland who gave us the rose "PEACE." The flowers are large and very double. High centered buds of pearl pink shaded with peach and ivory. Especially good on the coast. Dark green healthy foliage. 3½'

SWEET SIXTEEN \$1.75
PATENT NO. 631

A really soft and lovely pink, splashed with shades of yellow. Tall upright growth. The open blooms are as fresh and crisp as its lovely name. Sweetly perfumed.

TAFFETA \$2.00
PATENT NO. 716 AARS '48

Well-named as the softly crisp texture of the bloom is really comparable to silken fabric. Many variations in color, depending upon the weather, with rose-pink salmon and apricot tones predominating. Fragrant. The foliage is beautiful but must be sprayed for mildew. 3'

TALISMAN \$1.50

Probably the best known rose today. The shadings of color vary with every plant, although apricot, gold, yellow and pink combine in each bud and bloom. Plant several Talisman or one climbing variety for masses of bloom for cutting.

TALLY-HO \$2.00
PATENT NO. 828 AARS '49

All-American that is gaining in popularity throughout the country. Coloring is very attractive, in a unique combination of red and silvery pink. It grows vigorously and has a truly delightful fragrance. Long stems and makes an excellent cut flower. 3'

TEXAS CENTENNIAL \$1.50
PATENT NO. 162

For many years this has been one of the best known and most loved varieties. Being a sport of the ever popular President Hoover rose it is comparable in sturdy growth and good habits. Blood red tones in the fine strong buds, tone to cerise red in the center of the bloom as it opens. It is still a deep warm pink when the petals fall. Grows tall and bushy so allow plenty of space. 5'

TOM BRENNEMAN \$2.00
PATENT NO. 986

Another of our Blue Ribbon Award Winners at the California Spring Garden Show. Long coral buds open slowly to very double deep rose-pink blooms. Intensely fragrant. Heavy clean foliage on strong bushy plants. 3'

VOLCANO \$2.00
PATENT NO. 951

A new cherry-red which originated in the Transvaal and is being introduced in the U. S. by J & P. Long slender buds, about 25 petals which open to a huge bloom, six or seven inches across. Free blooming. Long lasting and an excellent cut flower. 2½'

WHITE SWAN \$2.25
PATENT NO. 1113

A very new white rose that may help to fill the need of a truly good white rose. In our test garden it has grown well, producing pure white high-centered buds on long stems. The flower is long lasting and holds its color well. Good foliage. 3'

YOURS TRULY \$1.75
PATENT NO. 697

A glorious rose with huge camellia-shaped blooms of pleasing non-fading deep pink, with a slight tinge of yellow at the base. Damask fragrance. Tall, upright plant. Seems content in any climate. 3'

We have a limited supply of the following varieties.

California Centennial	\$2.00
Debonnair	1.75
Dickson's Red	1.75
Pink Moss	2.00
Rapture	1.50
Sun Valley	2.50
Symphony	2.50
Tawny Gold	2.25

THREE YEAR OLD ROSE BUSHES

With pride and a sense of having accomplished something worth while, we offer a beautiful assortment of the very best varieties one year older than regular stock. These plants are in containers and will produce an abundance of bloom, making an immediate garden effect.

Priced from \$2.00 to \$3.50—local delivery only

Hybrid Polyanthus

(Floribunda)

A new type of recurrent blooming rose that is rapidly increasing in popularity. Useful as low hedges, or, if allowed to grow large, they make an excellent flowering shrub. They combine the hardiness of the polyanthus with the improved flowering qualities of the Hybrid Tea.

ALAIN \$1.50

The brightest red cluster rose in our garden. Free flowering throughout the entire season. Abundant dark green foliage. Seems quite resistant to disease. Excellent bushy growth. Would make very satisfactory hedge. Cut flowers last for days. 2½'

BETTY PRIOR \$1.50

PATENT NO. 340

One of the loveliest and most popular of all floribundas. The open blooms are much like pink Dogwood blossoms in shape, size and color. Shell pink with a carmine-pink lining. Single blooms, arranged in large branching clusters, are continuously produced in quantity. Really hardy. 3-3½'

CAROL AMLING

(Pink Garnette) \$2.00

PATENT NO. 1126

You'll be sorry if you overlook this sweet little pink rose. A perfect bloom of 60 petals on a low, bushy well-balanced plant. Almost continuously in bloom. Order early. 2'

CARROUSEL \$2.00

PATENT NO. 1066

A "must have" variety for border and hedge use, because here we have the three things needed in decorative hedge rose. An abundance of unfading vivid red flowers on a bush that cleans itself, and is clothed abundantly with attractive mildew proof foliage. 3½'-4'

CECILE BRUNNER \$1.50

The "Sweetheart Rose" needs no description. Tiny pink buds open to delightful many-petaled blooms that have been beloved since 1881.

EASTER PARADE \$2.00

P. P. P.

You will marvel at the exciting and unusual combination of colors created as the flower passes from the bud stage to the open bloom. Salmon pink and cerise, with yellow reverse, shading to carmine. Truly an Easter Parade. 2-3'

EMBERS \$2.25

P. A. F.

A new Armstrong Introduction. Glowing fiery red medium sized blooms, are produced on a well balanced plant. Clean foliage. 2½'-3'

FASHION \$2.00

PATENT NO. 789 AARS '30

Here is truly a new shade of color in roses. The originators call it "deep peach," but usually it is listed as "coral." Its habit of growth is low, spreading and bushy. It is constantly in flower, although the buds open one at a time, so that the clusters seem long-lasting. A low border of Fashion is a striking and beautiful sight indeed. 2'

FRENSHAM \$1.50

Medium large, semi-double, deep crimson, and almost always in bloom. Dark leathery foliage. Very vigorous and bushy. Holds its color well, even in hot sunshine. 2½'

FLORADORA \$1.50

Here is another new shade in roses, and we have not found a word to describe it. Cinabar-red is accepted by most rose catalogs, but to us it seems a sort of orange-scarlet. Bud is small and globular, the open bloom very double (50 or more petals). Tall erect plants, glossy clean foliage. Whether in the "fog-belt" or in the hot valley, Floradora flowers gaily all summer long. Beautiful as a cut flower, and lasts well. 3-3½'

FROLIC \$2.25

P. P. P.

Another new Armstrong Introduction. Ideal for mass planting or hedge use. Huge clusters of bright pink flowers produce a cheerful mass color effect. Free blooming. 2½'-3'

GLACIER \$2.25

PATENT NO. 1025

A new, highly-rated white floribunda. Large ovoid buds of 25-30 petals. Tea fragrance. Glossy, forest-green foliage. 2-2½'

Hybrid Polyanthus

GARNETTE \$1.50

Small, double, slightly fragrant. Garnet-red, with a light lemon-yellow base. Foliage leathery. Bushy habit of growth. Many blooms. 2'

GOLDILOCKS \$1.50

PATENT NO. 672

Generally called the "best yellow floribunda." Golden buds open to very double blooms nearly three inches across. The clusters come on a compact bush that makes an excellent low hedge. 1½-2'

INDEPENDENCE \$2.25

PATENT NO. 1036

With the introduction of Independence a new color has been added to the floribunda class. It reminds us of Floradora. However, the blooms are lighter and seem even brighter. The color might be described as orange-scarlet, that holds well even in the hottest weather. 2-2½'

IRENE OF DENMARK \$2.00

PATENT NO. 889

The answer to a long felt need for a truly good white floribunda. Perfect buds opening to well shaped double blooms on long stems. Bu

LILABET \$2.50

P. A. F. AARS '54

We were greatly impressed in watching the performance of this dainty little winner in the rose fields, and also seeing it in both the Oakland and Portland Rose Gardens. Delightful fragrance. (Picture on back cover.) 2½'

MA PERKINS \$2.25

PATENT NO. 1143 AARS '53

A lovely fragrant free-blooming floribunda of soft shell-pink accented by a dash of gold. 2½'

MARGO KOSTER \$1.50

A gay and vivid coral-pink which harmonizes with other shades and is especially popular in corsage work. Fine sturdy growth and free bloom. Hardy. Long lasting. A beautiful border plant. 1½-2'

MASQUERADE \$2.00

PATENT NO. 975

The most exciting rose in our test garden. Clusters of yellow buds change to rose pink, gradually deepening to red. The gay color combination is suggestive of the name. 3'

PINKIE \$1.75

PATENT NO. 712 AARS '48

Enthusiastic comment on this "little darling" from all over the U.S.A. Recommended as a low hedge or border plant, or for planting in boxes. Masses of dainty pink blooms throughout the season. Bushy growth. Disease resistant. Copper spray will injure foliage. 1½'

PINK BOUNTIFUL \$1.50

PATENT NO. 601

Well named. Large clusters of soft pink bloom, likened to a smaller Picture. Clean foliage. Excellent bush. Vigorous. Holds color well. 2½'

PINK ROSETTE \$1.75

PATENT NO. 902

Blooms are true rosettes, but fade quickly. If the faded blooms are discarded, the clusters are really beautiful. Clean foliage. Wonderful for corsages. 2½'

PINOCCHIO \$1.50

PATENT NO. 484

One of the first floribundas, and still popular. Pointed buds, salmon flushed with gold. As the tiny double flower opens it changes to a clear soft pink. Will last for days as a cut flower, and seems never to be without blooms in the garden. 2½'

LAVENDER PINOCCHIO \$2.00

PATENT NO. 947

WHITE PINOCCHIO \$1.50

PATENT NO. 1010

YELLOW PINOCCHIO \$1.50

PATENT NO. 992

ROSENELFE \$1.50

Pure pink with a silvery reflex, fully double tiny blooms. Lovely in a flower arrangement, and quite perfect as a boutonniere. 3'

SUMMER SNOW \$1.50

PATENT NO. 416

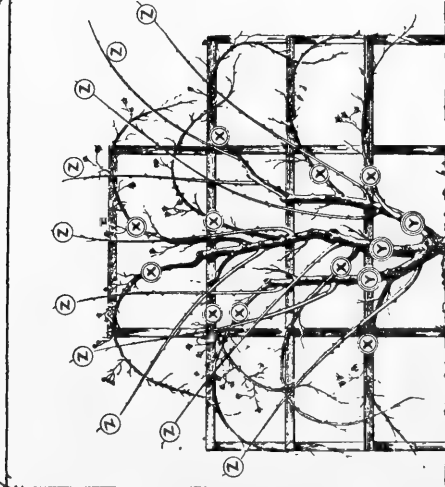
A very compact low growing bush producing masses of white baby roses. Ideal for hedge planting. Slightly fragrant. 1½'

VOGUE \$2.00

PATENT NO. 926 AARS '52

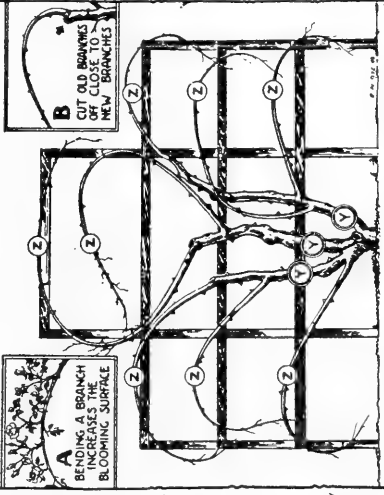
The originators call the color "cherry-coral". Vogue grows a tall upright plant, with fine healthy foliage and produces large clusters of perfectly formed, high centered blooms. Long lasting as a cut flower. Carnation-like fragrance. 2½-3'

Climbing Roses



X- Old dormant branches
Y- Main Limbs
Z- New branches


X- Shows old flowering branches which should be removed when pruning
Y- Shows main branches which are more or less the permanent structure of the plant
Z- Shows new branches, the best flowering wood, for next year.



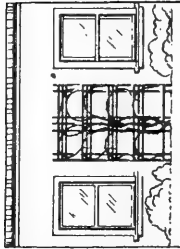
A- BENDING A BRANCH INCREASES THE BLOOMING SURFACE
B- CUT OLD BRANCHES OFF CLOSE TO NEW BRANCHES

Y- Main Limbs
Z- New Branches

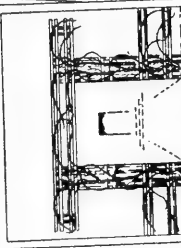
Note: how all old branches were removed.
A- Node, bent branches- this encourages flowering
B- Cut old branches close to joint.
 Slanting limb cuts heal quickly.
Z- New branches are bent and tied at regular intervals with space left for new blooms.



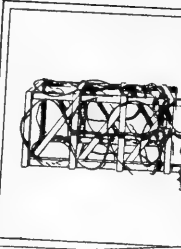
A-Trained on a fence.



B-To decorate a residence.



C-Arrangement on an Arch



D-Rose trained on column

A-Fences-Tied all Climbing Roses make good fence covering. Short jointed branches with ample foliage, & medium to small flowers are, be, s.c. B-On Houses-select clean healthy foliage varieties with large flowers (recurrent blooming). Always select branches to keep the growth from all going to the top. C-On Arches-Should be medium to slow growers. Prune severely. Do not allow to get top heavy or ragged. D-Many hybrid tea Climbing Roses make ideal pillars.

The many new and improved varieties of climbing roses should be of interest to all gardeners, especially those with limited space. See the sketches for new ideas that might add beauty to your garden.

Climbing Roses

So many new and worthwhile varieties have been developed in the past few years that we can truthfully say "There is a climbing rose suitable for any location in your garden." Our container-grown plants, three and four years old, are just what you want to give immediate coverage, and a profusion of flowers, without delay. Come and see them. We are proud of them.

BLAZE _____ \$1.50

A brilliant scarlet-crimson resembling Paul's Scarlet Climber in general appearance, but differing in its strong tendency to produce on established plants intermittent blooms throughout the season.

CLG. CECILE BRUNNER _____ \$1.50

Tiny pink blooms of the "Sweetheart" rose. Very rampant and very easy to grow.

CLG. CHARLOTTE ARMSTRONG _____ \$3.50

PATENT NO. 523

At last, the climbing rose we have all been waiting for. Same fine qualities as in the bush. Supply will be limited so order early.

CLG. CITY OF YORK _____ \$1.75

One of the very few good white climbers. The small buds, borne in clusters, open to ivory white semi-double blooms. The plant is well clothed with shining disease resistant foliage. We have a fine specimen growing at one of the nursery entrances. Always in bloom.

DESCANSO PILLAR _____ \$2.50

PATENT NO. 943

A sensational new pillar rose that seems to be entirely disease resistant. Vigorous canes of about seven feet and clothed with beautiful foliage, produce masses of long stemmed high-centered blooms. We might describe the color as clear begonia-pink shaded to rose pink.

CLG. EDNAH THOMAS _____ \$1.50

A tall pillar-type rose producing large, very double, brilliantly toned rose-pink blooms. Fragrant. Clean bronzy foliage.

CLG. ETOILE DE

HOLLANDE _____ \$1.50

Usually known as the "best red climber." Same gorgeous bloom as on the bush, and quite as free flowering. Always scarce, so order yours early.

CLG. FLORADORA _____ \$2.00

PATENT NO. 1054

An excellent addition to our list of climbers. The same fine qualities as the bush. Holly-like foliage and unusual cinnabar-red blooms that last for days. We were much impressed with the several vigorous plants we saw in the Portland Rose Gardens.

CLG. 49'ER _____ \$2.75

PATENT NO. 1094

Climbing form of the All-American winner for 1949. The originators say it is even more spectacular.

CLG. GOLDEN RAPTURE _____ \$1.75

PATENT NO. 508

The climbing form of this lovely long-stemmed yellow rose is very popular. Almost perfect buds open to large shapely blooms and it is very free flowering.

CLG. GOLDDLOCKS _____ \$2.50

PATENT NO. 1090

You will be delighted with this climbing sport of the ever popular "Goldilocks". Plant on a low wall, fence, or train as a pillar and enjoy masses of golden bloom on a background of clean shiny foliage. A combination planting of Clg. Blaze, Clg. Goldilocks and Clg. Pinocchio should be spectacular. See Special Collections Page 6.

CLG. HEART'S DESIRE _____ \$2.00

PATENT NO. 663

Vigorous climbing form of the bush and with identical bloom. Very fragrant. Intense scarlet bloom that is showy on a tall climber.

CLG. HINRICH GAEDE _____ \$1.75

PATENT NO. 244

Quite as startlingly beautiful as in the bush. An exceptionally good rose for San Francisco climate. Good foliage.

Climbing Roses

HIGH NOON ----- \$2.50

PATENT NO. 704 AARS '48

The multi-purpose rose. Train it on a fence or wall, grow it on a pillar or just plant it in a corner of the rose garden without supports. The tall vigorous canes grow erect producing masses of blooms on the terminal canes as well as the laterals. Medium sized perfect blooms of deep non-fading yellow.

IMPROVED PAUL'S

SCARLET ----- \$1.50

Vivid scarlet cluster rose, so well known that we won't try to describe it. In the spring it is unsurpassed as a riot of flaming bloom.

CLG. INDIAN SUMMER ---- \$1.75

PATENT NO. 448

The name suggests the color combination; copper, old rose, blush pink with some old-gold. Exceptionally fragrant, free blooming and as disease resistant as a rose can be. Especially good along the coast.

CLG. J. OTTO THILOW --- \$1.50

Rich glowing rose pink. Long buds of perfect form opening to large, high-centered semi-double blooms. Especially good for the bay area.

CLG. MME. HENRI

GUILLOT ----- \$2.00

PATENT NO. 788

Always a favorite. The combination of orange, coral and red in great masses of bloom with clean shining foliage makes this one of the best of the newer climbers. Heavy Spring bloom with occasional bloom during the Summer months.

CLG. MRS. SAM

McGREDY ----- \$1.75

PATENT NO. 374

There could be no more beautiful climbing rose than this. The same glorious copper-orange-red combination as in the bush, the same reddish green foliage, and the same sweet fragrance. We can recommend this rose to you, and know that it will give you pleasure for years to come. Come see how it grows and flowers here at the Nursery.

CLG. PEACE ----- \$2.50

PATENT NO. 932

We have heard so many enthusiastic comments about Clg. Peace that we feel we can recommend it for any locality. Same fine qualities as the bush. (We have a nice block of 3 yr. old plants in 5 gallon cans that will make an immediate showing.) (Bare-root.)

CLG. PICTURE ----- \$2.00

PATENT NO. 524

Identical to the bush in form, color and fragrance. The most perfectly formed little pink buds, opening to rather large pure shell-pink blooms.

CLG. PINOCCHIO ----- \$2.50

PATENT NO. 1142

The perfect rose for low walls and fences. It produces dozens of flowering canes the first year in the ground, that can be easily trained. Masses of bloom (identical to the bush) seem to appear as if by magic. See Special Collections—Page 6.

CLG. PRESIDENT

HERBERT HOOVER ----- \$1.50

A very vigorous climbing form of the popular bush rose. It is an especially brilliant sight in the late autumn.

CLG. RED TALISMAN ----- \$1.75

An old rose but not too well known. Identical to the old favorite Talisman, from which it sported except in color of the bloom.

CLG. SAN FERNANDO ---- \$2.00

PATENT NO. 1123

A new red climber that has proved very good both in the bay area and the valley. Large, fragrant, very double blooms that do not purple in the hot sun. Good stems for cutting. Free blooming.

CLG. SUNGOLD ----- \$1.50

Often referred to as the best pure yellow for the bay area. The plant is vigorous and free branching with clean foliage. The well shaped golden yellow blooms are borne on long stems. A blue ribbon winner at many flower shows.

CLG. SUTTER'S GOLD ----- \$3.00

P. A. F.

Clg. Sutter's Gold should be good news to anyone who wants a tall vigorous climber that really produces a lot of beautiful flowers (identical to bush) and is well clothed with clean disease resistant foliage. Supply limited.

CLG. TALISMAN ----- \$1.50

Most gardens seem to have at least one Climbing Talisman. Probably there is no rose more universally beloved, whether for masses of beauty in the garden or for exquisite cut blooms. Multicolored.

**CLG. TEXAS
CENTENNIAL** \$2.00

PATENT NO. 565

Identical to the bush in habit and color range. Give it plenty of room, tie in the long strong canes, spray occasionally and you will have a magnificent sight in your garden.

Climbing roses not described (limited supply.)

Belle of Portugal—
Shell-Pink \$1.50

Clg. Lady Fortevoyt—
Yellow 1.50

Mermaid—Yellow 1.50

Clg. Pink Delight—Pink 2.00

Clg. Phyllis Bide—
Multi-color 1.50

Clg. Shot Silk—
Salmon-Pink 1.50

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